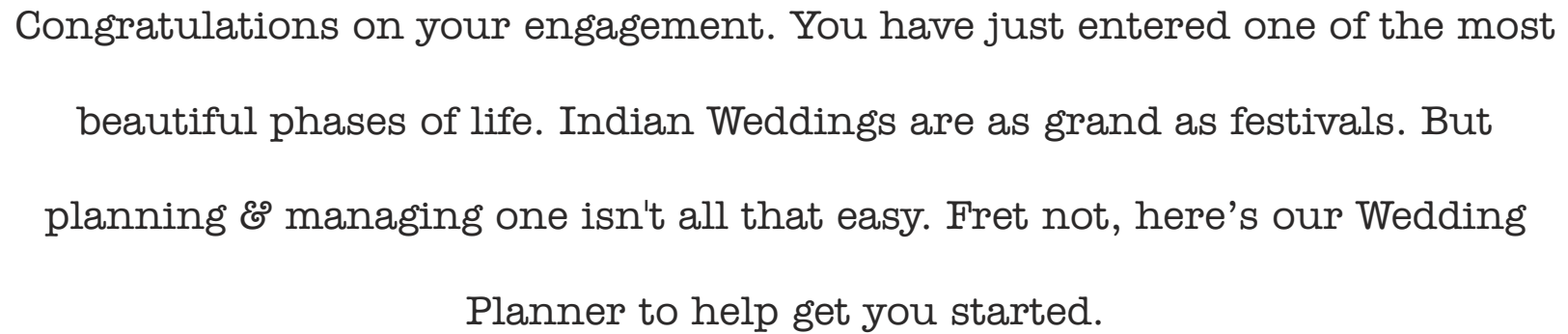


BECOMING
Mr & Mrs
A WEDDING PLANNER

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Congratulations on your engagement. You have just entered one of the most beautiful phases of life. Indian Weddings are as grand as festivals. But planning & managing one isn't all that easy. Fret not, here's our Wedding Planner to help get you started.

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Selecting the Day

Be Practical. Give yourself sufficient time to organise the event of your life. Somewhere around 6 - 8 months should be good.

❧ Consult your Priest for probable dates.

❧ Enquire availability for Halls / Rooms from Hotels / Resorts / Marriage Halls. This will give you an better idea to select the dates and also how soon you need to finalise the rooms.

Budget

Talk to your fiancée and both the families. Once you determine the budget, the planning tends to be much easier. Consider the following when determining the budget.

- ❧ the number of events you want to host.
- ❧ the number of invitees.
- ❧ the location.
- ❧ the menu.
- ❧ gifts for your close relatives.

The service providers

You want the best place, best food & the best memories. It's never too early to book these three. Give yourself a headstart and book these three as soon as your engagement is done. You should by now have a clear idea of the number of events your wedding will have. While its not possible to have the exact number of guests, try to calculate an approximate number.

Location - If you will be accommodating the guests in the same place, have a look at the rooms too. Having the rooms for guests in the same place or nearby saves you in transportation costs. Make sure to visit the places in person. Get a written estimate and make sure to read the fine print.

Food - Personally meet the caterer and sample the menu. Remember to have something for everybody - in all probability your guest list will range from 8 years - 80 years.

Photographer - See the Photos as well as the Albums. Make sure you will be getting the high resolution originals - some photographers give files just good for postcard sized prints. If you do not want your wedding photographs to be put on Facebook or other sites, let him know it clearly.

Decorators / Florists - Based on the theme you have selected, start thinking of decor ideas. Ask your decorator to show photographs of events he has decorated in the location you have selected. This gives you an better idea of how a particular decor will look in your location. If your decorator hasn't yet worked at the location you have selected, ask him to go in person and have a look. Also having him speak to the banquet manager is a very good idea. Make a list of other things you would need from a decorator/florist like Table Cloth, Bouquets, etc.

Transport - Make sure you have adequate vehicles arranged for Guests (Airport / Railway Station to Rooms to Hotel / Wedding Hall) and the family. Booking all the Cabs / Vehicle with a single agency gives you the leverage to demand for maximum discounts.

Looking Good

Jewellery - Just like your Wedding Dress, having a particular budget helps you narrow down your search. Look for a Jeweller who can customize your jewellery as per your requirement. Some work intensive collections like the Nakas, Antique require about a month or two to be customised, while jewels like chains can be customised within a week. Make sure your jewellery is Hallmarked and your Diamonds graded by GIA or IGI. It always makes sense to keep a tab on Gold Prices as soon as your engagement. This helps you book the Gold when the prices are low.

And don't forget to drop into our store :)

The Wedding Dress - Deciding a price range helps you narrow down your choices. While you can straight away select the grandest wardrobe make sure you will be comfortable wearing them the entire evening. Select a colour that complements your Decor colour / theme. Apart from the bride and groom's wedding attire, attention needs to be paid to what people in the family are going to be wearing.

Stylist - One of the primary things on your wedding day is your hair and makeup, so make sure you have your stylist booked well in advance. Arrange for a full run through with both stylists.

Letting the world know

Invitations - Surf the net for interesting wedding card designs. Hiring a Design Agency to design your cards is a very good idea. Courier Agencies offer discounts for bulk bookings. Make sure to ask your local courier agency for bulk discount.

Social Networks - Creating a Facebook event is a great way to ensure you don't miss out to invite any of your friends. A lot of websites offer free wedding sites which you can make use of.

Worth a Revisit

Wedding Dress - Try it out and make sure the fittings are perfect. Move around and make sure you are comfortable with the dress. Make sure the Wedding Dress is neatly packed for the Wedding Day.

Service Providers - Call and ask if there is anything else to be done on your side. Reconfirm all the details and make sure you have the contact details of the person who is going to be at the location. Give this contact to your person who is going to manage these on your side.

Invitations - Make sure all the guests have received the invitation.

Accommodation - Reconfirm all the details with the Hotels / Resorts. The last thing guests want after a tiring journey is shifting rooms / hotels.

Transport - Recheck with the Guest list and confirm you have adequate vehicles for Guests & Family.

Legal Stuff

Change of Address - Inform change of address to Post Office / Banks etc.

Marriage Certificate - Obtaining a marriage certificate is mandatory now. Make arrangements to get it right after marriage.

Voter ID, PAN Card, Ration Card, Passport - Inform respective offices of change in address. If you are moving to another town, you may need to get these at the place you are moving to.

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